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Witter Bynner

By this man
To a new stature,
Shall become the beauty of the sinews of the world!
Witter Bynner

MAYTIME

Out of darkness into light;
Out of dumbness into song!
Though the earth was wintry white,
Though the cold stayed over long—
Spring, we loved so, it has come
Without any sound of drum.

Be it life we knew last year,
Wandered far, and home once more;
Or a new babe, cradled here,
Born of life that went before—

We, who linger while the days
Shyly bud and bloom anew,
Are content that all the Mays
Faithful are, steadfast and true.

William H. Simpson